

**U.S. District Court
District of Connecticut (New Haven)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:17-cv-01061-RMS**

Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut et al v.
US Citizenship and Immigration Services et al
Assigned to: Judge Robert M. Spector
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/27/2017
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/27/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$400 receipt number 0205-4448842.), filed by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York.(Ahmad, Muneer) Modified on 6/27/2017 (Walker, A). (Entered: 06/27/2017)
06/27/2017		Judge Alfred V. Covello added. (Anastasio, F.) (Entered: 06/27/2017)
06/27/2017	<u>2</u>	ELECTRONIC FILING ORDER – PLEASE ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH COURTESY COPY REQUIREMENTS IN THIS ORDER Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on 6/27/2017.(Hushin, Z.) (Entered: 06/28/2017)
06/28/2017	<u>3</u>	NOTICE TO COUNSEL/PRO SE PARTIES : Counsel or pro se parties initiating or removing this action are responsible for serving all parties with attached documents and copies of <u>2</u> Electronic Filing Order, <u>1</u> Complaint filed by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York Signed by Clerk on 6/28/2017.(Hushin, Z.) (Entered: 06/28/2017)
06/29/2017	<u>4</u>	EXHIBIT A-I by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York re <u>1</u> Complaint. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 06/29/2017)
07/12/2017		Request for Clerk to issue summons as to All Defendants. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 07/12/2017)
07/13/2017	<u>5</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 and LR 4 as to *U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services* with answer to complaint due within *30* days. Attorney *Muneer I. Ahmad* *Jerome N. Frank Legal Services – Wall St – Yale Law School* *127 Wall Street* *New Haven, CT 06511*. (Hushin, Z.) (Entered: 07/13/2017)

07/14/2017	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael J. Wishnie on behalf of Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York (Wishnie, Michael) (Entered: 07/14/2017)
07/14/2017	<u>7</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. U.S. Customs and Border Protection served on 7/14/2017, answer due 8/13/2017; U.S. Department of State served on 7/14/2017, answer due 8/13/2017; US Citizenship and Immigration Services served on 7/14/2017, answer due 8/13/2017. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 07/14/2017)
08/08/2017	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael L. Drezner on behalf of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 08/08/2017)
08/08/2017	<u>9</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time until September 13, 2017 to Respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 08/08/2017)
08/10/2017	<u>10</u>	ORDER granting <u>9</u> motion for extension of time. The time for the defendants to respond to the plaintiffs' complaint is extended to and including September 13, 2017. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on August 10, 2017. (Modzelewski, C.) (Entered: 08/10/2017)
09/08/2017	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time until October 13, 2017 to Respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 09/08/2017)
09/12/2017	<u>12</u>	ORDER granting <u>11</u> motion for extension of time. The time for the defendants to respond to the plaintiffs' complaint is extended to and including October 13, 2017. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on September 12, 2017. (Modzelewski, C.) (Entered: 09/12/2017)
09/18/2017	<u>13</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Justin B. Cox to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205–4536777) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Certificate of Good Standing, # <u>3</u> Affidavit)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/18/2017)
09/18/2017	<u>14</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Mariko Hirose to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205–4536831) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Certificate of Good Standing)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/18/2017)
09/18/2017	<u>15</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Stephen Poellot to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205–4536844) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Certificate of Good Standing)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/18/2017)
09/19/2017	<u>16</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) 1 to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205–4538798) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Certificate of standing, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/19/2017)
09/19/2017	<u>17</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Esther Sung to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205–4538799) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Certificate of standing, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/19/2017)
09/19/2017	<u>18</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Melissa Keaney to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205–4538800) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Certificate of standing, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/19/2017)

09/19/2017	<u>19</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Nicholas Espiritu to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205-4538801) by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Certificate of standing, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/19/2017)
09/28/2017	<u>20</u>	ORDER granting <u>13</u> motion to appear; granting <u>14</u> motion to appear; granting <u>15</u> motion to appear; granting <u>16</u> motion to appear; granting <u>17</u> motion to appear; granting <u>18</u> motion to appear; granting <u>19</u> motion to appear Certificate of Good Standing due by 11/27/2017. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on 09/28/17. (Covello, Alfred) (Entered: 09/28/2017)
10/02/2017	<u>21</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Mariko Hirose on behalf of Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York (Hirose, Mariko) (Entered: 10/02/2017)
10/04/2017	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stephen Poellot on behalf of Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York (Poellot, Stephen) (Entered: 10/04/2017)
10/10/2017	<u>23</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time <i>and Entry of Briefing Schedule</i> by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 10/10/2017)
10/11/2017	<u>24</u>	ORDER granting in part and denying in part <u>23</u> motion for extension of time. The time for the defendants to respond to the plaintiffs' complaint is hereby extended to and including November 17, 2017. The defendants' motion is denied in all other respects. The response and reply, if any, shall be filed in accordance with the federal and local rules of civil procedure. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on October 11, 2017. (Kontyko, K.) (Entered: 10/11/2017)
11/04/2017		Answer deadline updated for All Defendants. The time for the defendants to respond to the plaintiffs' complaint is hereby extended to and including November 17, 2017 (Alexander, R.) (Entered: 11/04/2017)
11/09/2017	<u>25</u>	Joint MOTION to Stay <i>Briefing Schedule</i> by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York.Responses due by 11/30/2017 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 11/09/2017)
11/13/2017	<u>26</u>	ORDER granting in part and denying in part <u>25</u> motion to stay. The briefing schedule is hereby stayed to and including December 28, 2017. Any future motions for an extension of the stay shall include a specific articulation of the basis of the need for additional time. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on November 13, 2017. (Kontyko, K.) (Entered: 11/13/2017)
12/01/2017	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 12/01/2017)
12/28/2017	<u>28</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint with Affirmative Defenses by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services.(Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 12/28/2017)
12/28/2017	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 12/28/2017)
01/26/2018	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 01/26/2018)
02/02/2018	<u>31</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Joshua T. Stehlik to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number ACTDC-4705454) by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 02/02/2018)
02/02/2018	<u>32</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Linda B. Evarts to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number ACTDC-4705519) by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>3</u> Appendix Certificate of Good Standing)(Ahmad, Muneer)

		(Entered: 02/02/2018)
02/06/2018	<u>33</u>	ORDER granting <u>31</u> Motion for Attorney Joshua T. Stehlik to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice. Certificate of Good Standing due by 4/7/2018. Signed by Clerk on 2/6/2018. (Bozek, M.) (Entered: 02/06/2018)
02/06/2018	<u>34</u>	ORDER granting <u>32</u> Motion for Attorney Linda B. Evarts to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice. Signed by Clerk on 2/6/2018. (Bozek, M.) (Entered: 02/06/2018)
02/28/2018	<u>35</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua T. Stehlik on behalf of Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York (Stehlik, Joshua) (Entered: 02/28/2018)
02/28/2018	<u>36</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Linda B. Evarts on behalf of Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York (Evarts, Linda) (Entered: 02/28/2018)
03/05/2018	<u>37</u>	CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING re <u>31</u> MOTION for Attorney(s) Joshua T. Stehlik to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number ACTDC–4705454) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Stehlik, Joshua) (Entered: 03/05/2018)
03/27/2018	<u>38</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 03/27/2018)
04/09/2018	<u>39</u>	ORDER for production of documents. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on April 9, 2018. (Kontyko, K.) (Entered: 04/09/2018)
05/25/2018	<u>40</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 05/25/2018)
06/25/2018	<u>41</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT (<i>Amended</i>) by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 06/25/2018)
07/24/2018	<u>42</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
09/24/2018	<u>43</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 09/24/2018)
09/25/2018	<u>44</u>	STATUS REPORT (<i>Corrected Signature Line</i>) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
11/26/2018	<u>45</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 11/26/2018)
01/09/2019	<u>46</u>	MOTION to Stay <i>Production Schedule</i> by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services.Responses due by 1/30/2019 (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 01/09/2019)
01/23/2019	<u>47</u>	ORDER granting <u>46</u> motion to stay. Counsel shall notify the court within 10 days after congress has restored appropriations to the department of justice. The court will address the issue of appropriate deadlines and extensions after it is notified by counsel that appropriations have been restored. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on 1/23/19. (Hall, Gregory) (Entered: 01/23/2019)
01/23/2019		Case Stayed per 47 Order. (Bozek, M.) (Entered: 01/24/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>48</u>	NOTICE by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/06/2019	<u>49</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify Production Schedule by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration

		Services.Responses due by 2/27/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/19/2019	<u>50</u>	ORDER granting <u>49</u> motion to modify production schedule. It is hereby ordered that defendants U.S. Department of State and U.S. Customs and Border Protection will make their next production of those non-exempt, fully processed documents which require the use of electronic search terms, on 3/8/19. Thereafter, the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to make such productions on a rolling basis every 8 weeks. The parties will submit the next joint status report on 2/22/19, and every 60 days thereafter. The stay shall be lifted. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on 2/19/19. (Hall, Gregory) (Entered: 02/19/2019)
02/19/2019		Set Deadline: Status Report due by 2/22/2019 per 50 Order. (Bozek, M.) (Entered: 02/20/2019)
02/22/2019	<u>51</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 02/22/2019)
03/20/2019	<u>52</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Reena Parikh on behalf of Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York (Parikh, Reena) (Entered: 03/20/2019)
04/23/2019	<u>53</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Parikh, Reena) (Entered: 04/23/2019)
05/16/2019	<u>54</u>	NOTICE by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York <i>OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL BY MELISSA S. KEANEY</i> (Keaney, Melissa) (Entered: 05/16/2019)
05/29/2019	<u>55</u>	MOTION for Melissa S. Keaney to Withdraw as Attorney by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Keaney, Melissa) (Entered: 05/29/2019)
05/30/2019	<u>56</u>	ORDER granting <u>55</u> motion to withdraw as attorney for the plaintiffs. Attorney Melissa Keaney terminated. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on 5/30/19. (Hall, Gregory) (Entered: 05/30/2019)
06/24/2019	<u>57</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Parikh, Reena) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>58</u>	MOTION for Leave to File <i>Law Student Appearance of Alexandra Vaughn</i> by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A – law student and supervising attorney authorization, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B – Plaintiffs' authorization, # <u>3</u> Certificate of Service)(Parikh, Reena) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/16/2019	<u>59</u>	MOTION to Modify Scheduling Order or Refer to Magistrate Judge for Mediation by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York.Responses due by 8/6/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Parikh, Reena) (Entered: 07/16/2019)
07/17/2019	<u>60</u>	ORDER granting <u>58</u> motion for leave to file; granting in part and denying in part <u>59</u> motion. The scheduling order is hereby amended as follows: discovery due by 8/14/19; dispositive motions due by 9/11/19; trial brief due by 10/9/19; trial ready date 11/6/19. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on 7/17/19. (Hall, Gregory) (Entered: 07/17/2019)
07/17/2019		Set Deadlines/Hearings: Discovery due by 8/14/2019. Dispositive Motions due by 9/11/2019. Trial Brief due by 10/9/2019. Trial Ready Date 11/6/2019. (Murphy, Tatihana) Modified on 7/22/2019 to correct discovery deadline (Bozek, M.). (Entered: 07/18/2019)
07/17/2019		Set Deadline per 60 Order : Discovery due by 8/14/2019. (Bozek, M.) (Entered: 07/22/2019)
08/05/2019	<u>61</u>	Joint MOTION to Stay <i>Schedule and for Referral to Magistrate Judge for All Matters</i> by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services.Responses due by 8/26/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Drezner, Michael). Added MOTION to Transfer Judge on 8/9/2019 (Bozek, M.). (Entered: 08/05/2019)

08/09/2019	62	ORDER granting <u>61</u> joint motion to transfer the case "in its entirety, to a Magistrate Judge for final resolution." Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on 8/9/2019. (Sondergeld, C.) (Entered: 08/09/2019)
08/15/2019	63	CONSENT to Jurisdiction by US Magistrate Judge. Case reassigned to Magistrate Judge Robert M. Spector. This matter has been transferred to a magistrate judge. All non-e-filed submissions should be filed at the seat of court where the magistrate judge presides. The case number will remain the same, but must be followed by the magistrate judge's initials. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on 8/15/2019.(Bozek, M.) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
08/16/2019	64	NOTICE OF E-FILED CALENDAR: THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE COUNSEL/THE PARTIES WILL RECEIVE.ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE COURTHOUSE MUST PRESENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION. A TELEPHONIC Status and Scheduling Conference is set for 8/29/2019 at 12:00 PM before Judge Robert M. Spector. <i>Please use the following dial in for this call: (877) 873-8017, access code: 7040261.</i> (Watson, M.) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
08/16/2019	<u>65</u>	Joint STIPULATION and [Proposed] Scheduling Order by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Parikh, Reena) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
08/20/2019	66	ORDER: The <u>65</u> Joint Stipulation and Proposed Scheduling Order filed by Council on American-Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York is SO ORDERED. The scheduling of a settlement conference will be discussed during the call with the Court, scheduled for 12:00pm on August 29, 2019. Signed by Judge Robert M. Spector on 8/20/2019.(Watson, M.) (Entered: 08/20/2019)
08/20/2019	67	ORDER finding as moot <u>61</u> Motion to Stay in light of Doc. Nos. 62–63, 65–66. Signed by Judge Robert M. Spector on 8/20/2019. (Watson, M.) (Entered: 08/20/2019)
08/22/2019	<u>68</u>	Consent MOTION to Reschedule Status Conference by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services.Responses due by 9/12/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 08/22/2019)
08/23/2019	69	ORDER granting <u>68</u> Consent Motion to Reschedule Status Conference. The telephonic conference is rescheduled to August 30, 2019 at noon. Signed by Judge Robert M. Spector on 8/23/2019. (Watson, M.) (Entered: 08/23/2019)
08/23/2019	70	NOTICE OF E-FILED CALENDAR: THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE COUNSEL/THE PARTIES WILL RECEIVE.ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE COURTHOUSE MUST PRESENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION. <i>RESET FROM 8/29/2019 at Noon</i> At the request of counsel: Rescheduled Telephonic Status Conference is set for 8/30/2019 at 12:00 PM before Judge Robert M. Spector. <i>Please use the following dial in for this call: (877) 873-8017, access code 7040261.</i> (Watson, M.) (Entered: 08/23/2019)